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It is the endeavor of this school to discover the possibilities of each student and to so train him that he may realize these possibilities if he will; to lead him to assume his proper responsibilties, to render service and to seek happiness in establishing and maintaining right relations with his environment.

This booklet is intended to answer briefly some of the first questions asked by those who are interested in finding *the* school for a particular boy.

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DUMMER is thirty-five miles from Boston. The distance may be covered by steam and electric cars in from one and one-half to two hours.

CALENDAR, 1908-1909.

1908.

JANUARY 2, THURSDAY, Second term begins.

MARCH 27, FRIDAY, Second term ends.

APRIL 7, TUESDAY, 8 A. M. Third term begins.

JUNE 11, THURSDAY, School closes.

(Students preparing for college examinations may remain until the 18th).

SEPTEMBER 23, WEDNESDAY, 10 A. M. Examinations for admission.

SEPTEMBER 24, THURSDAY, 8 A. M. First term begins.

(Students are expected to reach the school the morning preceding).

NOVEMBER 25, WEDNESDAY, 1 P. M. to FRIDAY the 27th, 9 A. M. Thanksgiving.

DECEMBER 23, WEDNESDAY, 1 P. M. First term ends.

1909.

JANUARY 7, THURSDAY, 6 P. M. Second term begins.

FEBRUARY 22, MONDAY, until 6 P. M. Holiday.

MARCH 25, THURSDAY, 1 P. M. Second term ends.

APRIL 5, MONDAY, 6 P. M. Third term begins.

JUNE 15, TUESDAY, Commencement.

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THE SCHOOL.

By the gift of his estate comprising 330 acres of land in Newbury with his country house and farm buildings, Lieutenant Governor William Dummer laid the foundation for the Academy which bears his name. The school was opened in 1763 and incorporated in 1782. It is the oldest school of its kind in the country.

The mere recital of the names of the long list of famous men who have gone forth from the school, still more the study of their lives and achievements, is of itself a strong educational factor, appealing as it does to the boy's imagination as he realizes that he is on the same ground and amid the same surroundings that these great men once were.

The location is all that can be desired for a school, away from the excitements and temptations of large towns, in a beautiful part of historic Newbury, between two rivers suitable for bathing, boating and canoeing, but five miles from the ocean and a few hours from the Maine coast or the mountains.

While the school is ancient, its equipment is modern and up-to-date in all respects. The buildings are heated by steam and hot air, the

drainage is of the best, the lighting is by electricity.

THE WATER used about the place all comes from a large spring upon a hillside an eighth of a mile distant and has been shown by state analysis to be perfectly pure.

THE SCHOOL building is separate from the dormitories. These, four in number, furnish accommodations for about fifty boys and eight masters. All take their meals at the "Commons" which has the best and newest cooking, storing and refrigerating arrangements.

THE MUSIC room and the reading room are also in the Commons. The music room has an upright piano for the use of the boys and the reading room the usual magazines, papers, etc. Books may be also drawn from the Newburyport Public Library in numbers without charge.

IN RELIGIOUS matters the school is strong but non-sectarian. Each session of the school is opened by simple exercises and on Sunday the boys attend the Byfield Parish (Congregational) church, or some other church selected by their parents.

A CLASS for Bible study is conducted by the master on Sunday evening and the exercises of the day close with a short song service.

EXPENSES.

THE COST of tuition and board is $600.00 a year; this includes the occupancy of a single room, and plain laundry work. When a room is shared by two boys the charge is $500.00 each.

DAY PUPILS pay $100.00 a year tuition.

BOOKS, STATIONERY and starched laundry are provided at list rates. Day pupils may take luncheon at the Commons at $1.25 per week. A laboratory fee of $5.00 is charged those taking courses in physics or chemistry.

TO COVER breakage or loss, a deposit of $25. is required at registration. The balance is returned at graduation.

BILLS OF tuition are invariably due as follows: One-half at the beginning of the first term, One-quarter at the beginning of the second term, One-quarter at the beginning of the third term.

EACH BOY should bring four sheets for a single bed, six pillow slips, a dozen towels, six napkins, napkin ring, one pair blankets, one clothes bag, all marked with his initials. The school will purchase these things for the student on proper authorization or will furnish these articles for the student's use at $10.00 per year.

IT WOULD be well to bring suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor life in all weathers, a sweater and gymnasium suit.

AN ANNUAL subscription of $10.00 for athletics will be asked from parents who are willing to help in this department.

ATHLETICS.

SOUND PHYSICAL basis is requisite for healthful mental development. Therefore, athletics as recreation and pastime are encouraged, and special attention is given to the building of the body. Students are required to submit to a thorough physical examination by the school physician, who will prescribe the proper exercise to be used.

THE GYMNASIUM has a basket ball floor 60 x 30, the usual apparatus, lockers and shower baths.

THE FOOTBALL and baseball fields are conveniently located. The diamond is skinned and ballasted.

TENNIS COURTS, handball courts, and a pond for skating are all close at hand on the school property.

PUPILS ARE not permitted to keep driving horses, but arrangements can be made to keep saddle horses or ponies at the Academy farm.

AS THERE is game to be found in season on marsh and river, permission may be obtained by the older boys to keep and use shot guns. No rifles of large calibre may be used.

IN FOOTBALL, baseball and basketball the interest is very keen and strong teams are the result.

THE OPEN, rolling fields in the vicinity of the Academy furnish ideal opportunities for cross-country running.

BOYS ARE encouraged to bring their canoes or boats, as the Parker and Mill rivers, which are close by, afford excellent facilities for boating.

THE ATHLETICS of the school are in general controlled by the Athletic Association, which is an organization of the boys, with two faculty members.

ADMISSION.

STUDENTS are admitted to any class for which they are qualified as shown by certificates or examination.

NO BOY will be admitted who does not present a letter of recommendation from his last teacher.

BOYS ARE entered for the whole year unless by agreement made beforehand in writing, but no boy will be retained in the school whose removal, either permanent or temporary, is believed to be for his best interests or that of the school.

APPLICANTS FOR the Junior class are examined in Arithmetic, English, Grammar and Geography.

BOYS ARE received into the Preparatory class without examinations. Written examinations are held once a month and reports of standing sent to parents or guardian.

COURSES OF STUDY.

THE EDUCATIONAL work of the Academy is thorough, systematic, and progressive. Although its studies are planned to fit pupils for entrance to colleges and technical schools, yet it also offers an exceptionally complete course for those who have no further schooling in view.

PUPILS OF advanced age are given every incentive and aid to make up work, and to complete the course in less time than usual. The Academy offers to pupils a regular four years' course of study, which is carefully planned to meet the requirements for admission to all colleges and scientific schools.

SHOULD A pupil require more time in which to complete his preparations, he may take a five years' course. For boys too young to enter upon the regular academic work, we have a two years' preparatory course, which is designed to qualify them to pursue the subjects of the junior year.

THE COURSE of study should be taken in the regular order as prescribed, but it is so flexible that any group of subjects may be elected to meet the needs of the student who requires a special course.

THE NUMERALS in parentheses indicate the number of hours a week devoted to each subject.

PREPARATORY COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

English and Grammar	(5)
Arithmetic	(5)
United States History and Geography	(5)
Physical Geography (Elementary) and Civil Government	(5)
Manual Training	(2)

SECOND YEAR.

English and Grammar	(5)
History	(3)
Arithmetic Reviewed or Commercial Arithmetic	(5)
Elementary Latin	(5)
Daily Themes required each year	(5)

ENGLISH COURSE.

JUNIOR.

Algebra . . . . . (5)
English . . . . . (5)
Roman History and Greek History or English History and American History . . . (5)
Commercial Arithmetic . . . . . (5)
Latin . . . . . (5)
Physiology . . . . . (2)
Twenty-two periods must be taken.

JUNIOR MIDDLE.

Second year Latin . . . . . (5)
Second year Mathematics . . . . . (5)
English . . . . . (5)
French . . . . . (5)
German . . . . . (5)
Science . . . . . (5)
Mechanical Drawing . . . . . (2)
Twenty-five periods must be taken.

SENIOR MIDDLE.

Third year Latin . . . . . (5)
Third year Mathematics . . . . . (5)
Advanced French . . . . . (5)
Advanced German . . . . . (5)
English Literature . . . . . (3)
Mechanical Drawing . . . . . (2)
Twenty periods must be taken besides English.

SENIOR.

Latin . . . . . (5)
English Literature . . . . . (5)
Advanced German . . . . . (5)
Advanced French . . . . . (5)
Physics . . . . . (5)
Chemistry . . . . . (5)
Twenty periods must be taken.
Daily themes required.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

JUNIOR.

Beginning Latin . . . . . (5)
Algebra . . . . . (5)
English . . . . . (5)
Roman History and Greek History or English History and United States History . . (3)

JUNIOR MIDDLE.

Caesar, Nepos. Composition . . . . (5)
Beginning Greek. Anabasis begun . . . (5)
English . . . . . (5)
Plane Geometry . . . . . (5)
French or German . . . . . (5)

SENIOR MIDDLE.

Virgil's Aeneid, I-III. Cicero's four Orations against Cataline. Composition based on Cicero . . . . . (5)
Xenophon. Herodotus. Composition . . (5)
Algebra and Solid Geometry . . . . (5)
History Reviewed . . . . . (2)
French or German . . . . . (5)
English Literature . . . . . (3)

SENIOR.

Virgil, Aeneid (IV-VI). Bucolics. Cicero; Milo, Archias. Pro Lege Manilia. Composition. Sight . . . . . (5)
Homer. Composition. Sight . . . . . (5)
English Literature . . . . . (5)
Experimental Physics . . . . . (5)
Advanced French or German or Elementary German or French, or Advanced Mathematics may be substituted for any equivalent.
Daily themes throughout the course.

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*Greek or Latin may be omitted providing an equivalent is substituted.

SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

JUNIOR.

Algebra . . . . . (5)
English . . . . . (5)
Roman History and Greek History or English History and United States History . (2)
Beginning Latin . . . . . (5)
Latin (second year) . . . . . (5)

JUNIOR MIDDLE.

Plane Geometry (second year) . . . . (5)
English . . . . . (5)
French . . . . . (5)
German . . . . . (3)
Science . . . . . (5)
Mechanical Drawing . . . . . (2)
Twenty-five periods must be taken.

SENIOR MIDDLE.

Physics . . . . . (5)
Algebra . . . . . (5)
French . . . . . (3)
French . . . . . (4)
Latin (third year) . . . . . (4)
History reviewed . . . . . (2)
English Literature . . . . . (2)
Solid Geometry and Trignometry . . . (5)
Mechanical Drawing . . . . . (2)
Twenty periods must be taken besides English.

SENIOR.

Physics . . . . . (5)
English Literature . . . . . (5)
Advanced Algebra and Analytics . . . (3)
Advanced French . . . . . (3)
Advanced German . . . . . (3)
Chemistry . . . . . (3)
Twenty periods must be taken.
Daily themes required.

SPECIAL BRANCHES.

INSTRUCTION IN special branches, such as vocal or instrumental music (also dancing, boxing, and fencing), may be had by special arrangement. As an essential help to the preparation of lessons a regular study period of two hours a day under the supervision of an instructor is prescribed. Certain privileges are granted those who attain high rank.

IN THE study of English, it is believed that the correct use of the language is of primary importance. To this end the Academy offers a course in Themes which is prescribed for all pupils. These themes must be short and may be written upon any subject. Their purpose is cultivation of perception and natural expression. Exercises in spelling, in which the whole school takes part, are held three times each week. The active management by the students of the *"Archon,"* the Academy monthly, gives ample opportunity for the public appearance of such articles as are worth while. This feature alone has tended to infuse enthusiasm in the students, and the responses have always been generous.

A PRACTICAL course in Manual Training is offered to those who desire. A competent instructor is in charge.

PUBLIC DECLAMATIONS are held, and at the annual spring contest prizes are awarded. These are the gift of Mr. Fred Marden Ambrose. First prize, $25; second prize, $15; third prize $10.

PROVISION IS also made for an annual essay contest, which is open to members of the three upper classes. First prize, $15; second prize, $10; third prize, $5.

FROM THE income of the Moody Kent fund, six honors of $10 each are awarded at Commencement Day, for the highest standing in each of the following branches:—English, Classics, Modern Language, Mathematics, Science, History.

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